

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORWELL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

July 20, 2026

A meeting of the Norwell School Committee was held on Monday, July 20, 2026 in the Meeting Room at Norwell Public Library. Clerk Scott Dyke called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. Present were Elizabeth Bersell, Mr. Dyke, Vice Chair Christina Kane, and Superintendent Matthew Keegan. Chair Kristin McEachern arrived at 6:28 p.m.

At 6:19 p.m., Mr. Dyke moved that the meeting go into executive session for purposes of strategizing on non-union negotiations and to return to open session at the conclusion of executive session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bersell, and passed unanimously on a roll-call vote: Dyke, Aye, Bersell, Aye, and Kane, Aye. The Committee moved to study room 3. Executive session concluded at 6:32 p.m., and the Committee returned to the regular meeting in the Meeting Room.

Mr. Dyke made the motion, seconded by Ms. Kane, to approve the consent agenda including the minutes of the executive and regular sessions of the Norwell School Committee meeting on June 8, 2026, and the special meeting on July 8, 2026, and accounts payable warrants 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 and refund warrants 3, 52 and 54 signed by Ms. McEachern, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Dyke, Aye, and Bersell, Aye.

Enclosed in agenda packets was Policy KBG: Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) and Policy JKAA: Time-Out, Seclusion, and Physical Restraint of Students, approved for first reading at the June 8 meeting. Director of Student Services Suzan Theodorou was in attendance to share there were no updates on these policies. Mr. Dyke made the motion, seconded by Ms. Kane, to approve Policies KBG and JKAA, for second and final reading, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Dyke, Aye, and Bersell, Aye.

Enclosed in agenda packets was the list of requested re-enrollment of dependents of staff for the next school year. Mr. Dyke moved, seconded by Ms. Kane, to approve the 2026-2027 Staff Dependent Enrollment, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: McEachern, Aye, Kane, Aye, Dyke, Aye, and Bersell, Aye.

The 2026-2027 Resource Guide was shared in the Google folder with updated dates and information for Committee review. The FY'28 Budget Development Timeline is preliminary, and will be finalized in September. Mr. Dyke moved to approve the Norwell School Committee Resource Guide for first reading, as proposed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kane, and was approved unanimously: Kane, Aye, McEachern, Aye, Bersell, Aye, and Dyke, Aye.

The athletic handbook was included in the Google folder for second reading. The handbook will be posted on the website for the start of the athletic season in August. Ms. Dyke made the motion, seconded by Ms. Kane, to approve the 2026-2027 Athletic Handbook for second and final reading, as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously: Kane, Aye, McEachern, Aye, Bersell, Aye, and Dyke, Aye.

The Leadership Team Retreat was held at the Cedar Hill Retreat Center in Duxbury on June 22 - 24, 2026, and the agenda was included in packets. The retreat focused lessons learned from the 2025-2026 school year, a recap of the year one implementation of the Strategic Plan, planning for year two of the Strategic Plan, and the identification of goals for next year.

Superintendent Keegan shared with the Committee his end-of-year review documents and discussed his four goals. The artifacts summary, plan form and end-of-year summative were included in agenda packets, and all documents were made available in the Google folder. The Committee will review and plan to prepare the Superintendent's evaluation and contractual increase at the August 17, 2026 meeting.

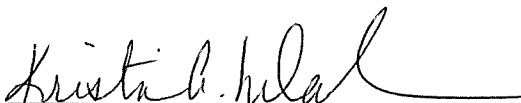
Mr. Keegan updated the Committee on the recent School Building Committee meetings and the OPM selection process. Bids have been received for the OPM, and an SBC meeting will be held on July 22, 2026.

The School Committee and Mr. Keegan discussed recent talks with Town departments regarding trash, tennis courts and dog waste bins. Ms. Bersell noted funding received from the state for education and snow removal.

Chair McEachern opened the meeting to public comment on non-agenda and agenda items, and hearing none, proceed with the Agenda.

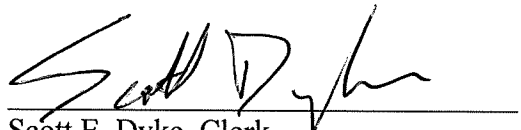
Mr. Keegan noted correspondence included in the Google folder: June schools' newsletters; Board of Directors appointment letter from NESDEC, and a memo regarding FY'27 Financial Signature Authorization and Responsibilities. An advertisement for employment opportunities for special education aides will be sent out in ASPEN. The next regular meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the Norwell Public Library on August 17, 2026.

There being no further business to come before the Committee in open session, at 7:00 p.m., Ms. McEachern moved to adjourn the meeting.



Kristin A. McEachern, Chair

August 17, 2026



Scott E. Dyke, Clerk

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